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 - C. The right to own slaves
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- A. Proposals by Legislature
 - B. Constitutional convention
 - C. Proposals by people
 - D. The voter’s convention
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- A. 1
 - B. 2
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- A. The right to keep and bear arms
 - B. The right of women to vote
 - C. Creation of a state lottery
 - D. The right o inalienable natural rights such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
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- A. The system of fundamental principles according to which a nation, state, corporation, or the like, is governed
 - B. The fundamental political principles on which a state is governed, especially when considered as embodying the rights of the subjects of that state
 - C. The fundamental law of the United States
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